

TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
ON JANUARY 1, 1970

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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the fall producing areas of the country totaled 132.8 million hundredweight on January 1, 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Stocks for January 1 were 2 percent above the holdings of 130.4 million cwt. on hand January 1, 1969 in the 24 fall States. These stocks consist of potatoes held for all uses on January 1.

The eight eastern fall States had 37.5 million cwt. of potatoes on hand January 1, 1970, 7 percent less than the 40.4 million a year earlier. Maine stocks, at 25.9 million this year, were below the 28.6 million cwt. on hand January 1, 1969. Stocks in Pennsylvania and Upstate New York were above a year earlier, but Long Island stocks were below.

January 1 stocks in the eight central fall States, of 26.7 million are 7 percent less than a year earlier. Holdings were larger than a year ago in Michigan and Minnesota but smaller in other central States.

In the eight western fall States, January 1 stocks totaled 68.6 million cwt., the largest of record for that date. Present stocks are 12 percent above a year earlier. Stocks are above a year earlier in all the western States except Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. Stocks in Idaho, at 38.0 million, account for 29 percent of the January 1 U.S. holdings in the fall States.

Disappearance of 1969 fall crop potatoes from storage during December was 23.7 million cwt. This compares with the disappearance of 22.4 million cwt. during December 1968 and the record high of 25.3 million during December 1966. Disappearance of 1969 fall potatoes from time of harvest to January 1, 1970 was 100.8 million cwt., a record high. During the 1968 season, disappearance to January 1 was 90.4 million and for the 1966 season it was 100.4 million, the previous record.

Movement of fall crop potatoes to chippers and fresh market outlets during December was slightly below last year as indicated by rail and truck unloads. Unloads for the season, from harvest time through December were also slightly less than the comparable period a year earlier. The quantities of potatoes processed for other food uses (excluding starch and flour) during December as well as for the season to January 1 were both substantially larger than a year earlier. More fall potatoes were also utilized for starch and flour during December, and from harvest time through December, than in the same periods of 1968. Shrinkage and waste from the 1969 crop, mainly because of the early freezes prior to completion of harvest in many areas, are above a year earlier. Much of the losses from these freezes occurred prior to December, although shrinkage and waste during December probably were above the same month last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1,
total stocks, crops of 1959-69 in the fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1
		: following year: following year: following year			
		1,000 cwt.			
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968 2/ 3/	220,786	152,800	130,430	104,915	81,900
1969	233,637	156,470	132,790		

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1969 Pot 6(69).

3/ Estimate for Nevada, discontinued in 1969; U. S. production and stocks estimates for 1968 adjusted for comparability between the two years.

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1963-70

Area	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	Millions							
Eastern	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.5	79.2	---
Central	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	87.9	88.7	---
Western	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	34.0	---
Total	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	201.9	1/204.4

1/ Total U. S. resident population for July 1, 1970 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 430, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers
and local dealers on January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970 1/

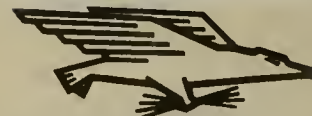
State	Crop of 1968		Crop of 1969	
	Production	Total stocks Jan. 1, 1969	Production	Total stocks Jan. 1, 1970
	----- 1,000 cwt. -----			
Maine	36,425	28,600	35,100	25,900
New Hampshire	230	110	176	80
Vermont	285	180	254	150
Massachusetts	1,036	380	950	360
Rhode Island	1,260	120	1,326	160
Connecticut	1,254	680	1,215	570
New York-				
Long Island	7,340	3,300	6,812	3,000
Upstate	8,342	3,500	8,342	3,600
Pennsylvania	7,585	3,550	7,810	3,650
8 Eastern	63,757	40,420	61,985	37,470
Ohio	2,583	710	1,925	400
Indiana	1,363	240	1,396	215
Michigan	6,525	2,950	6,744	3,100
Wisconsin	8,855	4,800	8,880	4,400
Minnesota	12,180	8,350	13,500	8,600
North Dakota	15,660	10,300	15,400	8,900
South Dakota	621	310	561	195
Nebraska	1,820	950	1,794	900
8 Central	49,607	28,610	50,200	26,710
Montana	1,498	1,300	1,388	1,100
Idaho	59,505	35,300	67,000	38,000
Wyoming	608	320	578	260
Colorado	8,280	5,200	8,695	5,000
Utah	1,072	480	1,332	600
Washington	16,185	8,800	21,420	13,100
Oregon	12,008	5,400	13,115	5,800
California	8,266	4,600	7,924	4,750
8 Western <u>2/</u>	107,422	61,400	121,452	68,610
Total 24 Fall States <u>2/</u> :	220,786	130,430	233,637	132,790

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

2/ Estimates for Nevada discontinued in 1969; U. S. production and stocks estimates for 1968 adjusted for comparability between the two years.

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